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TAGS: PEPR, PLO  
SUBJECT: PLO LEADER KHALID FAHOUM CLAIMS STRENGTHENING  
OF PLO MODERATES

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1. FRENCH AMBASSADOR FERNAND ROUILLON INFORMED ME  
YESTERDAY THAT DURING BRIEF MEETING WITH KHALID  
FAHOUM, CHAIRMAN, PALESTINIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL,  
LATTER CLAIMED THAT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS HAVE STRENGTHENED  
HAND OF MODERATES WITHIN PLO RANKS. FAHOUM HAD SAID  
THAT HE AND OTHER MODERATES WITHIN PLO HAD LONG  
FAVORED RECONCILIATION WITH KING HUSSEIN, AND NOW

THOSE WHO HAD OPPOSED THIS POLICY WERE TELLING FAHOUM THAT HE HAD BEEN RIGHT ALL ALONG. FAHOUM CONTINUED THAT EVEN HABBASH WAS BEING BROUGHT INTO THE FOLD. FAHOUM WAS PLEASED TO BE THUS VINDICATED.

2. FAHOUM TOLD ROUILLON THAT PLO PLANS TO SEND DELEGATION TO AMMAN WITHIN NEXT MONTH IN PURSUANCE OF POLICY OF RAPPROCHEMENT WITH HUSSEIN.

3. COMMENT: WHETHER OR NOT PLO MODERATES HAVE BEEN STRENGTHENED BY RECENT DEVELOPMENTS, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE PLO IS BUOYED BY SYRIA'S RECENT INITIATIVE IN SOLIDIFYING PLO-SYRIAN RELATIONS. IF THE PLO HAS INDEED DECIDED TO BURY THE HATCHET WITH KING HUSSEIN, IT IS ONLY ON THE PREMISE THAT HUSSEIN HAS REJECTED THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS AND IN THIS SENSE IS ASSUMED TO BE ON THE SAME WAVE LENGTH AS ASSAD. IF AND WHEN THE KING DECIDES TO GO ALONG WITH THE PEACE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENTS, THE PLO CAN BE EXPECTED TO TURN AGAIN AGAINST HIM. AND SYRIA CAN BE EXPECTED TO DO THE SAME. SEELYE

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